

Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000,  
entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM; U.S. Patent  
Application Serial No. 09/514,801, filed February 29, 2000,  
entitled COMBINATION OF MASS STORAGE SIZER, COMPARATOR, OLTP  
USER DEFINED WORKLOAD SIZER, AND DESIGN TRADE-OFF TOOL IN ONE  
PACKAGE; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,158, filed  
February 29, 2000, entitled BUILT IN HEADROOM FOR AN NT SYSTEM  
SIZER; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed  
February 29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER; and U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 09/514,506, filed February 29, 2000, entitled METHOD OF  
COMPARISON FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, all of  
which are assigned to the assignee of the present invention and  
incorporated herein by reference.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14 line 1 as  
follows:

The mass storage required 222 can also be determined by  
method 200. The mass storage required can be satisfied by  
adding the appropriate size and number of mass storage devices  
such as disk drives. The required mass storage can be  
calculated using the methods described in related applications  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed February  
29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE

REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000, entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM, herein incorporated by reference. The tpmC ratio 226 provides a means for comparing the system specified by the inputs to method 200 and a baseline system tpmC 214 provided by the user. In one embodiment, a top window in the application program can be used to selectively browse through the tpmC database. The browsing can be filtered based on the operating system and database management system. In one embodiment, the tpmC database is filtered according to operating system and DBMS to provide a shorter list, which is selectable via a drop down list to a single tpmC database record, which can be termed the "baseline" system. The tpmC value from the record can be used as the value for the baseline system. In some embodiments, a known system from one vendor is selected as the baseline system on one part of the screen. The requirements can be used to select for another system, termed the 'target' system, from a second vendor in another part of the screen. The tpmC of the target system can be compared to the tpmC of the baseline system using ratio 226.

#### DISCUSSION

The examiner indicated that the attempt to incorporate subject matter into this application by reference to "Co-Pending